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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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8 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. CR 14-00306 WHA

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 LUKE D. BRUGNARA,

**ORDER RE DEFENSE COUNSEL'S  
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS  
COUNSEL OF RECORD**

14 Defendant.

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16 Today at 5:37 PM, Assistant Federal Public Defender Brandon LeBlanc and the Office of  
17 the Federal Public Defender filed a motion to withdraw from representation of defendant Luke  
18 D. Brugnara — in both the above-captioned action and *United States of America v. Brugnara*,  
19 No. CR 08-00222. After consulting with two independent legal ethicists, Attorney LeBlanc and  
20 the Office of the Federal Public Defender assert that they must “immediately withdraw from  
21 representing Mr. Brugnara,” given his statements on the record “which have implicated  
22 undersigned defense counsel as being a witness in his case(s)” and the ethical rules concerning  
23 lawyers as witnesses (Br. 1). *See, e.g.*, Model Rule of Professional Conduct 3.7.

24 In addition to other items, please be prepared to address the motion to withdraw as  
25 counsel of record at the outset of tomorrow’s status conference.

26 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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28 Dated: June 23, 2014.

*Wm. Alsup*  
WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE